Macon Recreation Center Land Acquired By TSCCO

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TUSKEGEE — The Tuskegee School Community and Christian Organization has purchased 32.21 acres of land at the cost of $5,000 for a recreation center for the youth and adults of Macon County, or counties, as the need may arise. Of this amount, $2,500 has been paid, leaving a balance of $2,500. The TSCCO plans to raise this amount by October 30.

This plot of land is located on Auburn Highway No. 29 and 80, 2.4 miles from the town of Tuskegee. This land is accessible on three fronts, of which one road is paved and the other two are graveled. Other promising features available are natural gas, REA.

The money required to complete the payment of the site, grade the grounds, construct the necessary building and other facilities, must come from the people of Macom County and other interested persons.

"The youth o fthe communities are those next in line to achieve all the adults have failed to achieve. They will movev forward to the extent they have knowledge of the values involved. The wholesome atmosphere of a recreation center is absolutely essential for social, economical, political and spiritual values in human relations. So, there can be no question as to the need of a recreation center for all the children of the Tuskegee community and Macon County. The only questions now are: Will we contribute and continue to contribute our money, personal participation and encouragement until our center is an accomplishment? Will we the people of Macon County provide this facitity?" asked Mrs. S. B. Harris, chairman.

Athens OKs Negro Pool Construction

Special to The Post-Herald

ATHENS, Feb. 16—A swimming pool for Negroes is to be constructed on property near the Negro high school here.

The City Council has atuhorized Mayor Arthur Stewart to enter into a contract with Martin Contracting Co. to build the pool.

The Limestone Board of Revenue and Limestone Board of Education have agreed to help pay for the 42x82-foot pool. It is to be ready for use next Summer.

Negro Group's Request For Pool And Recreation Center Taken Under Advisement

The City Commission Tuesday afternoon took under advisement a request by a delegation from the Negro Civic League asking construction of a swimming pool and a recreation center.

Street Commissioner John North, presiding in the absence of Mayor James L. Hardwick due to demands of his medical practice, told members of the group that "there is no money in the budget at the present time which could be used for those purposes."

The city accepted a bid of $1.50 per foot by the Builders Supply Company for construction of sidewalk along Johnson avenue between South and Battle streets.

Another delegation of Negro citizens asked for the surfacing of several streets.

It was told that it is too late for the streets to be included in a current paving project, but engineering studies will be made and the proposal given future study.

The Commission lent a helping hand to Negroes representing Eastside school with a $200 appropriation to help pay for band uniforms.

A petition for construction of curbing along Spring street also was taken under advisement pending engineering studies.

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Negroes Again Seek Recreation Facilities

Scottsboro Commissioner Tells Group Suitable Property Now Is Being Sought

Special to The Post-Herald

SCOTTSBORO, Feb. 1 — A delegation of Negroes, headed by Thomas Weatherly, principal of the Carver School, has again asked the Scottsboro City Council to provide recreational facilities for Negroes.

The group requested a baseball field, swimming pool, tennis court, field house and a supervised Summer recreational program, listing facilities comparable to those in use here by white residents.

A Negro group had asked the council late last Summer to provide facilities and employ a Summer director, and the new request was a renewal of that recommendation.

City Recreation Commission Paul Conley told the delegation he was making a study of the request and was attempting to find property suitable for a recreation area for Negroes. Weatherly promised the council full co-operation of Negro leaders in the city.

Tax Imposed

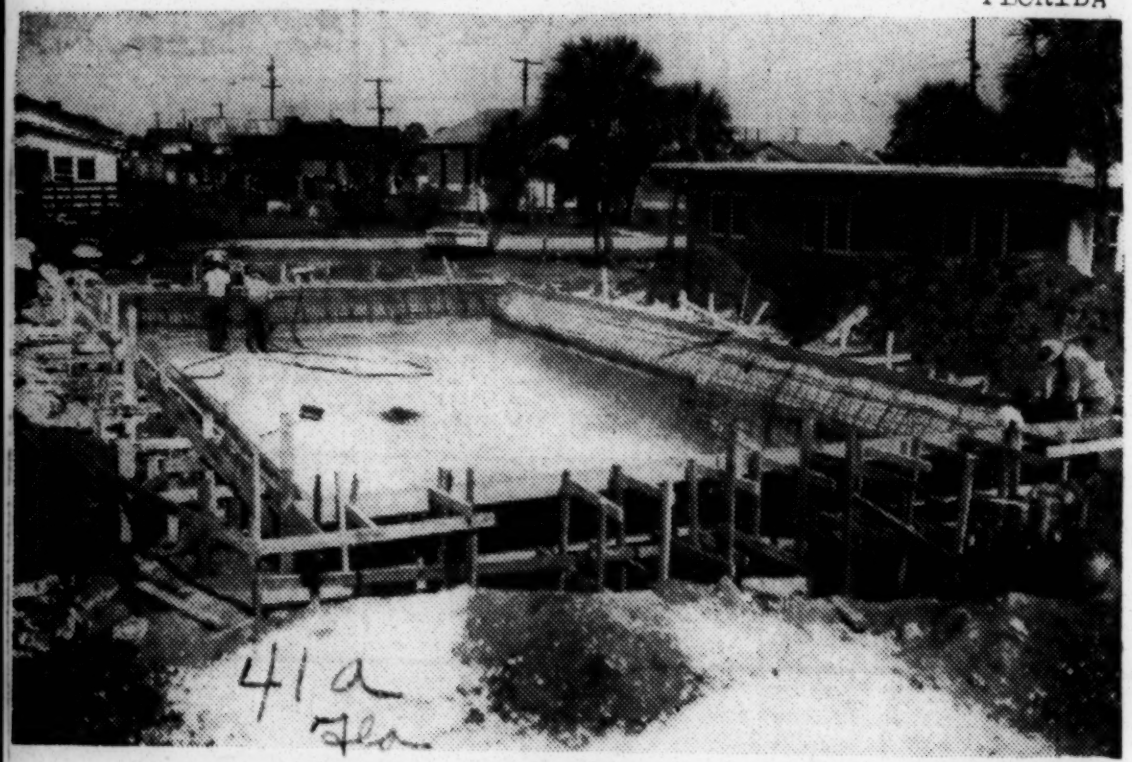
In 1955, a one-cent tax was imposed on cigarets in Scottsboro with the intention of using the proceeds for recreation, though the tax was not earmarked, according to D. Donald Word, who was mayor at the time.

Since 1955, the city swimming pool has been improved and a Summer director employed to supervise recreational activities of white residents.

School Improved

In 1958, improvements at Carver School included a new auditorium which is used for basketball. Prior to that time, the Negro team practiced and played in the National Guard Armory.

The white Summer baseball program, from PeeWees to adult teams, is carried on at Legion Field, owned and maintained by the local post of the American Legion. The amount of financial support given to the baseball program by the city, other than employment of a director, is not readily available, but the Legion has acquired support from other sources, including contributions, on several occasions.



—Times-Union Photo

NEGRO POOL AT BEACH TAKING SHAPE

Construction of a swimming pool at the Carver Memorial Center, Negro recreation area at Jacksonville Beach, is being rushed in the hope it can be in use by July 4, according to City Manager Wilson Wingate. The city appropriated $15,000 for the project. The Frank H. Breen Co. of Jacksonville is installing the 25-by-50-foot pool under a $13,485 contract. Wingate said the city's public works department is doing much of the associated work to keep the cost within the budgeted figure. The pool will be operated by the recreation department.

Beach Negro Pool Hours, Rates Set

Hours and rates have been set by the Jacksonville Beach recreation department for a new swimming pool for Negroes which is expected to be completed by July 5.

Children aged 12 and under will pay 10 cents and teen-agers and adults 25 cents to use the facility. It will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Cost of operating the pool, excluding maintenance work, has been estimated at $150 weekly.

Injunction Off At Jekyll Motels

The Atlanta Constitution

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BRUNSWICK (AP) — Suits were dismissed in Glynn Superior Court Monday involving two Jekyll Island motels in trouble with creditors but described as money-makers.

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An attorney for a minority stockholder withdrew an injunction suit which had blocked the forced sale of a Negro motel and night club.

The Teachers Retirement System of Georgia indicated it would go ahead with the sale in November in an effort to regain $299,000 in mortgage money lent for the project.

LITIGATION UNENDED?

Further litigation is in prospect for the St. Andrews Beach Corp., operators of the motel. State officials have said the financial difficulties stemmed from differences within the corporation.

Also dismissed at the request of the plaintiff was an injunction which had halted the city court of Brunswick from making further garnishments on money being paid in the sale of the Wanderer Motel on Jekyll.

It was reported the injunction was dropped to await a Sept. 17 meeting of stockholders of the Seaside Investment Corp. at Milledgeville.

HEADED BY MAYOR

That firm, headed by Milledgeville Mayor Walter Williams Jr., and besieged by suits from creditors, reportedly is to get a cash purchase offer from International Motels, Inc.

The latter firm acquired the motel from Seaside earlier this year on a deferred payment plan. Jekyll sources said the motel is booming despite the financial troubles.

Jekyll Island

Pittsburgh Courier

Georgia Resort On Block

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(Courier Press Service)

JEKYLL ISLAND, Ga. — On Sept. 6, just 13 months after its dedication, the swanky Negro luxury beach here will be put on sale at public auction. The Georgia Teachers Retirement System, holders of a $299,000 note on the resort, has foreclosed on the mortgage because payments had not been met.

Glynn County Sheriff M. E. Owens seized furniture and fixtures of the 50-room motel and clubhouse to satisfy debts owed the Jekyll Island Park Authority which had not been paid. The resort continued to operate after the sheriff tacked up notices, and officials say they feel it will continue to operate. But it appears that if this happens it will be under white ownership.

The new resort was formally dedicated with fanfare on Aug. 1, 1959. It was run by the St. Andrew's Beach Corporation, a Negro stock company. For the last seven months there has been a struggle for control of this corporation, with a Negro from Florida and one from Pennsylvania involved.

Persons connected with the resort said it will continue to operate and that any reservations or bookings made there will be honored as if nothing had happened.

Jekyll Negro Club Forced Sale Blocked

Blue Florida Times

Jacksonville, Fla.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Sept. 6 (AP) — A minority stockholders' injunction today prevented the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia from taking over a Negro motel and night club on Jekyll Island at a scheduled forced sale.

The injunction suit charged the debt-ridden New Motel and Club had fallen under domination of A. J. Hartley, executive secretary of the Jekyll Island Authority.

Hartley called the suit a delaying tactic to prevent the teachers system from taking possession of the properties in a step to recover $299,000 lent for construction. The injunction was served just as the sale was to be held.

A hearing is scheduled in Glynn Superior Court Monday in the suit by Walter Thomas, Macon Negro, described as a minority stockholder in the firm operating the motel and club, the St. Andrews Beach Corp.

The year - old motel has 50 units, a restaurant and night club. It is called among the finest facilities for Negroes on the Atlantic Seaboard.

The Jekyll Authority had furnishings of the place seized last month for nonpayment of lease fees, but the St. Andrews Corp. posted bond that prevented a sheriff's sale also scheduled today.

However, the sheriff did sell furniture, bar fixtures and glassware, and restaurant equipment on behalf of unpaid suppliers.

The latter firms, Maxwell Company Inc. and General Motel and Restaurant Supply Co., both of Miami, Fla., "bid in" their equipment and are understood to be seeking to sell it to the state if the teachers system takes over. Some $40,000 was alleged owed.

Still for Sale

New Actions May Save Race Beach

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By Trezzvant W. Anderson
(Courier Roving Reporter)

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Although a Glynn Country Superior Court judge last Monday dismissed an injunction petition to halt the public auction of the swank Negro motel and night club on Jekyll Island, and plans to sell it in November were made, there still loomed some hope that it may be saved to Negro ownership, The Courier has learned.

Foreclosure of a mortgage note for $299,000 by the Georgia Teacher's Retirement System loaned to the St. Andrews Beach Corporation, Negro developers of the project brought on the sale order.

But William P. Randall of Macon, original president of the corporation who has been returned to that office, told The Courier he expected the Teachers' Retirement System to refinance the $299,000 note and that a complete change in management of the resort ought to bring successful operations and revenues.

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MR. RANDALL says the Holiday Inn Corporation—a national motel chain—wants to use the resort as a year-round resort for its Negro employes under a contract calling for payment of $30,000 a year for this service. This will fully take care of the notes of the Teacher's loan, Mr. Randall said.

Since the proposed sale is not to be held until November, Mr. Randall and his associates feel they will be able to negotiate new arrangements in time to save the resort for the Negro stockholders of his corporation.

He also disclosed that legal action, in the form of an injunction, are due to be filed this week to halt the activity of former Georgia Asst. Atty. Gen. A. J. Hartley who resigned that post to become executive director of the Jekyll Island Authority, a state commission.

AN INJUNCTION is also to be sought seeking the removal from the premises of G. D. Rodgers Jr., a Tampa, Fla., man who, last February, was named general manager by the corporation under a change of officers. The suit to halt the sale was brought by Walter L. Thomas of Macon, former general manager.

Mr. Randall revealed that the actual cost of building the resort was $334,000, or $35,000 less than the loan from the teachers' system. The money for building the resort was paid directly to the contractors from the title company, Randall said.

The resort got into money troubles when debts were not paid. Mr. Randall told The Courier that although Frank Robinson of Jessup, a Negro, is treasurer of the corporation, no monies have been turned over to him from the operation of the resort. Randall says Judge Hartley has received some money from G. D. Rogers who, two weeks ago, fired his former assistant manager, Clarence D. Rogers of Cleveland, Ohio or Pittsburgh, Pa.

The suit filed by Mr. Thomas was dismissed by the court when Mr. Thomas' attorney withdrew from the case. The resort was well patronized during the entire summer.

TO VOTE TO SALES TAX

Greenville Plans Land Purchase For Negro Park

GREENVILLE, Miss., Aug. 17.—A half-cent city sales tax issue will be voted on by the people of Greenville on Sept. 6 to buy a 24-acre tract of land near the Weddington Elementary School for a Negro park.

The city council voted Tuesday to buy the land and took an option on a 10-acre tract in the Sabbatini tract for another park.

The vote of half-cent sales tax will determine both actions.

The council will pay Robert May, $25,000 for the Weddington Park property. A street improvement program and other parks are dependent on the half-cent increase in the city sales tax, John Teunison city engineer said.

Trio Buys Magnolia Beach for $50,000

GEORGETOWN, S. C. — Three Sumter residents bought Magnolia Beach for $50,000 cash in a public sale, the largest transaction of its kind in Georgetown County's history.

The 20-acre beach site, adjacent to Pawleys Island, was purchased by W. F. Bultman, W. F. Bultman Jr. and Mrs. Anna Birnie McDonald. They paid $39,500 with a cashier's check, and $10,500 in cash.

Segregation at the Zoo

The Pittsburgh Courier

In Memphis Monkeys Mix; Negroes and Whites Can't

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis law prohibits Negroes from watching the monkeys at the zoo on the same day that the "white folks" are looking at them. This absurd law was brought to light last week when eight police squad cars converged upon the zoo to arrest three teen-aged girls because they visited the zoo on the day set aside for white visitors.

Negroes are allowed to visit the zoo only one day a week, although the zoo is sustained with public tax money.

But these three girls, two were 15 and the other 17, walked inside the Overton Park Zoo and were looking at the sea lions when two officers came up and asked why they were there on the day reserved for whites.

One girl replied that it was a beautiful day and they decided to visit the zoo. The two park policemen asked them to leave. When the girls refused, the park policemen radioed for more police. In a matter of minutes the eight scout cars arrived and carried the three little girls to the police center for questioning. They were later carried to Juvenile Court, where they were held for about four hours.

THIS ARREST followed another made Friday morning of four youths, ages ranging from 15 to 17, for sitting up front in a Memphis Transit Company motor bus. These three young ladies and a boy boarded a bus and sat near the front. The bus driver is reported to have gone into a white cafe and came out with two policemen.

The students refused to move to the rear at the command of the police officers. One radioed for reinforcement and seven squad cars and a lieutenant went to the scene. They were taken to a police station for about 15 minutes before being transferred to Juvenile Court.

Before the arrests the youths had boarded three other buses. On one the motorman stayed on the bus for several minutes awaiting for police who never came. On the other two they were claimed to have taken front seats alongside the whites with no incidents. All seven of these young people were scheduled to appear before a judge for a full court hearing.